1,36,500 MT and the present monthly allocation is 9,000 MT.

(c) to (e) The allocation of imported edible oils including palmolein is made to States/UTs. keeping in view the reasonable demand from States/UTs., prices of indigenous oils in the open market, availability of foreign exchange, stocks of oil with STC, festival reasons, and other related factors. Allocation of imported edible oils is to supplement the availability of indigenous edible oils in the open market rather than to meet the entire requirement of the State/UT.

Financial assistance to washermen Community in Andhra Pradesh

2821. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various schemes being implemented by the Central Government for the development of Washermen Community in the country;

(b) whether these schemes are being implemented in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government also propose to give financial assistance for the development of washermen community in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SMT. SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (e) The Central Government does not have any scheme exclusively for the benefit of the washerman community. They can derive benefits from the schemes of Scheduled Castes in the States where they are listed as Scheluled Castes. In some States which also include Andhra Pradesh they are listed as Other Backward Classes for whom there is no Central Government scheme since Other Backward Classes are looked after by the respective State Governments.

2822. [*Transferred to the 6th December*, 1988]

National system for prevention of occupational accidents in industries

2823. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to strengthen the national system for prevention of occupational accidents in industries;

(b) the period for which the project is likely to continue; and

(c) what are the details of factories identified by Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) to (c) By an amendment to the Factories Act, 1948, a separate chapter on "hazardous processes" was incorporated which provides for setting up of Site Appraisal Committees for grant of permission for initial location and expansion of existing factories involving a hazardous process, compulsory disclosure of information by the occupier, specific responsibility of occupier in relation to hazardous processes, prvoision for laying down standards, permissible limits of exposure of chemical and toxic substances, preparation of on-site and off-site emergency plans, workers' participation in safety management etc.

The Ministry of Labour is implementing an ILO Project on "Establishment and inital operation of major accident hazard control system in India". The main objective of this Project is to strengthen the national system for the prevention of occupational accidents to enable identification, analysis and control of industrial

activities involving hazardous substances and processes which have the potential to result in major accidents. The Project is in operation since December, 1986 and will have a duration of three years and one month. Under this Project, 259 major accident hazard factories have been identified in the nine participating States. Forty-four substances presenting major accident hazards have also been identified.

दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण और दिल्ली नगर निगम के संबंध में लेखा-परीक्षा प्रतिवेदन

2824. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण के भूमि विकास कार्यालय और दिल्ली नगर निगम के संबंध में नियंत्रक महालेखापरीक्षक द्वारा प्रस्तुत किए गए नवीनतम प्रतिवेदन के पूर्ण तथ्य क्या हैं ; और

(ख) नियंत्रक महालेखापरीक्षक द्वारा प्रस्तुत किए गए प्रतिवेदन के प्रत्येक तथ्य के संबंध में विभाग द्वारा अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है और उसका पूरा ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जावेगी ।

Audit Report on Rural development schemes in Bihar

2825. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has pointed out the failures of the Government of Bihar in implementing various rural development schemes; and

(b) if so, whether any action has since been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the Government of Bihar.

Increase in Prices of Aluminium

2826. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELURRAHMAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the prices of Aluminium; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ex-factory average sale price of Aluminium has been revised from Rs. 25,309 to Rs. 29,749 per tonne effective from 18th November, 1988. The increase in price is mainly due to escalations in power tariff including imminent increases, and providing an element for modernisation, energy conservation, diversification, technology upgradation and improvement in the efficiency of production or quality of aluminium metal and its products.

New Programmes under Employment Generation Schemes in Rural Areas

2827. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the employment generation schemes launched in rural areas;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether as a result of the above assessment it is proposed to modify